

Explore the Wonders



Of El Malpais National Conservation Area

June
Tours

Come and explore El Malpais National Conservation Area, a land of majestic sandstone arches, ancient lava flows, amazing petroglyph panels, spectacular pueblo ruins and rustic homesteads. Take a scenic hike on the Narrows Rim Trail, a five hundred-foot sandstone mesa. Walk in the footsteps of the Anasazi to the Dittert Site, a Chacoan outlier and learn along the way how the local inhabitants survived in the harsh environment. Observe amazing rock art found on the Aldridge Petroglyph Panel while discussing possible meanings of the symbols. Travel back to the days of the homesteader exploring the remnants of their efforts while listening to stories about the hardships they endured in their effort to settle in this unforgiving land. The BLM invites you to be their guest as they journey through time.



Please bring the following on your hike: Two quarts of water, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, rain gear, lunch and snack foods. Wear clothes appropriate to the activity and always wear a sturdy pair of hiking shoes.

Remember, some hikes may not be suitable for small children. The sun is hard on animals, so please leave your pets at home. Refer to the activity description for special considerations.

For more information on the hikes, call Karen Davis at 505/287-7911 ext. 3 or 321-3843 (cell phone). These activities are subject to change or cancellation due to bad weather conditions or other Circumstances. Please

Aldridge Petroglyph Hike:

June 4
9:00am - 2:00pm



Have you ever questioned the meaning of rock art symbols? If so, meet at the BLM Ranger Station 9 miles south of I-40 (Exit 89) on NM 117 to explore the ancient realm of rock art symbols and their meanings. We will caravan to the parking area where you will embark upon a moderate 3-mile hike to the Aldridge Petroglyph Panel. From this panel you will observe the distant majestic vistas and geological formations that inspired the creators of this culturally significant site.

Narrows Rim Hike



June 11

9:00am - 3:00pm

Like to spend time outdoors? Come and enjoy a relaxing day with a BLM Park Ranger from Acoma. Learn about the geologic formations of the area and how the local plants and wildlife have adapted to survive in the challenging environment of the El Malpais NCA.

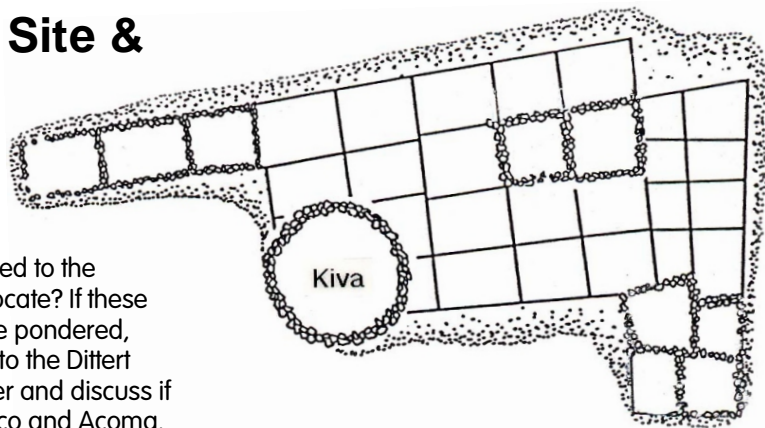
See spectacular views of the McCarty's lava flow. Meet at the BLM Ranger Station, 9 miles south of I-40 on NM 117. We will caravan down to the parking area where we will embark upon a moderate 4-mile round trip hike along the rim of the sandstone.

Dittert Archeology Site & Armijo Canyon:

June 12

9:00am - 3:00pm

Have you ever wondered what happened to the Anasazi? Did they disappear or just relocate? If these are some of the questions that you have pondered, come and join a BLM Ranger on a hike to the Dittert Cultural Site. Explore this Chacoan outlier and discuss if the site has cultural connections to Chaco and Acoma. This is a moderate all day hike which includes a 5½ mile excursion to the Armijo Homestead. At this circa 1920s homestead, learn about the demanding hardships homesteaders endured throughout the El Malpais. Meet at the BLM Ranger Station, 9 miles south of I-40 on NM 117, from where you will caravan to the Cebolla Wilderness boundary parking area.



Narrows Rim Hike

June 25

9:00am - 3:00pm

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